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Illegal Panama coins exhibit poor Spanish

Argentina collector spots error

Dear Sirs,

I couldn't believe my eyes when I read your No. 46 issue of Nov. 15. The article on page eight says "Panama releases platinum pound." There are three coins (2 with JFK y with M.L. King) with the same reading "El Vivio' Y Maurio' Por El Paz Y La Libertad."

In the Spanish language there are two different kinds of articles for nouns (male and female). Paz is a female noun, then it has to be preceded by the article La.

Silvio E. Lopez
Buenos Aires, Argentina

P.S.: Any way to receive my subscription sooner. (Nov. 15 issue arrived Jan. 20).

Editor's Note: These are the same coins that Panama has declared to be illegal. "El Paz" does appear on the coins which, as Mr. Lopez points out, is incorrect. We do not offer any overseas airmail delivery so there is no way to improve delivery time to Argentina.

readers' soapbox

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Soft on slabs

Dear Editors

No one questions the "right" of the PCGS and INS to grade and encapsulate foreign coins, nor does it come as any surprise that they plan to do so. What does surprise me is WCN's editorial attitude. No coin entombed in plastic is "fairly" priced. If it were, there would be no financial advantage to entombing it.

With 95% of the coin collecting public despising the direction which 5% are attempting to take the hobby, I can not understand why the *WCN* editorial staff "hope some investors will become intrigued with . . . " encapsulating. Instead of taking a leadership role in rekindling collector interest and confidence, the *WCN* takes a "live and let live," free enterprise, attitude. Even the world's major newspapers aren't afraid to take a definitive stand on their editorial/opinion pages concerning the significant issues of the day.

At best, *WCN*'s attitude seems to be, "let's wait and see." What if the world community took that attitude about AIDS? How many more unsuspecting people would be condemned to death because no one warned them not to practice unsafe sex? Slabbing is the AIDS epidemic of the numismatic community. Not something to become "intrigued with new acquisitions." Let's concentrate on how to give the hobby back to the 95%.

Glen P. Goffin
Fruitland Park, FL

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Reader says bring on the slabs

Dear Sirs,

I keep reading numerous articles and letters, pro and con, about the merits of "slabbing" foreign coins and they all remind me of the heated debate years ago that went on about the merits of the hordes of Non-circulating Legal Tender coins then being offered to the public. Seems each issue of WCN has plenty of these kinds of coins available to the buying public, many dealers making markets in them, touting, promoting, etc. One would have thought these types of coins, if one was to believe the soothsayers of years ago than no one would buy them in their right mind. This is just another case of another segment of the coin market coming into reality.

The only thing constant in any viable market is change, and change is what we have in the coin market, it happens daily, it keeps the collector and the dealer alive, physically and mentally. Isn't that what it's all about? I know from personal experience how the U.S. coin market has changed due to slabbing of coins. There are some real big winners, some so-so winners, and some not so lucky ... it's all in how well you play the game and how much risk you want to take. For the pure collector, I think, there are great numbers of excellent opportunities to acquire superb coins, one just has to use caution on one's budget constraints. What has happened in effect is that there is a huge collector market for nice, undamaged and original coins that are used and not abused. There is also a huge market for investor quality coins, in slabs, that satisfy another segment of buyers. One must always ask themselves, which market do I want to participate in, collector or investor coins? Dealers must also ask themselves the same question in order to continue to participate in the coin market as it exists today and however it will change in the future. You know, they don't make things like they used to, and I say, thank goodness. It's always nice to remember where we came from and how things were, but we live today. Today and it's realities is what we have to deal with.

Bring on the slabs and let's see what happens, sit back and enjoy the scenery.

Peter F. Hamilton
San Mateo, CA

Kudos for PANA newsletter

Dear Sir:

As a member of the Polish American Numismatic Association I wish to congratulate the editor of the *PANA Monthly Newsletter*, Arthur Z. Marquart. Marquart and his editorial staff exhibit great devotion to Polish numismatics. Their research and keen observations should stand as an outstanding beacon to other clubs and stimulate efforts in their own field of numismatics.

M. Louis Teller
Encino, CA

Editor's Note: For more information on PANA write them at P.O. Box 1873, Chicago, IL 60690-1873.

Russian gold ban recently enacted

In answer to a query about importing Russian gold coins published in the Feb. 14 issue of *World Coin News*, there is no quirk in the law banning the bringing in of Soviet coins, it is only a matter of when the law took effect.

The law was adopted two or three years ago when Congress was eager to impose available penalties on the South African government for its racist policies, and decided to bar the importation of gold Krugerrands from South Africa.

Congress also decided it would be inconsistent to impose such a ban on South Africa for its policies while permitting gold coins to come in from the Soviet Union where human rights were also notoriously denied.

Presumably the writer, David N. Jasner, bought his gold medals from the Soviet Union before the law was passed. You may have noted that of the current Russian commemorative series, only the silver and palladium coins are being marketed in the U.S. The gold coins in the series can only be bought abroad, and cannot now be legally imported into this country.

Burnett Anderson
Washington D.C.

Collector seeks information

Dear Mr. Bruce:

Several months ago I sent you a photo together with a query about a coin that has recently come into my possession. It is a Cundinamarca eight reales of Colombia that bears a countermark in the form of a pomegranate, the symbol for that area of South America known as Nueva Granada. "Granada" of course being Spanish for "pomegranate.") The c/m does not appear in your *Standard Catalog of World Coins.*

As I mentioned before, the only place I've found reference to this c/m is in Wayte Raymond's *Silver Dollars of N. and S. America* published in 1939. He illustrates it on page 34 and calls it a "necessity piece." His price of $35, is considerable for 1939.

I'm interested to know what conclusion you may have drawn from the above. I hope the c/m can be included in subsequent editions of your splendid catalog.

Ed Fisher
Merrick, NY

P.S. Both on my coin and the Wayte Raymond example the pomegranate c/m is applied right over the pomegranate on the reverse side of the coin.

Enlargement of the pomegranate countermark

Fisher's eight reales

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The second Australian International Coin Fair is being held March 4-5 at the Holiday Inn Menzies in Sydney and in conjunction with the Singapore International Coin Convention being held the weekend prior. Many collectors and dealers are expected to make the trip from Singapore to Sydney for the International Bank Note Society meeting on Tuesday Feb. 25, the first Australian International Banknote Fair on March 1, the Spink Australia Auction on March 2-3 , and the Australian International Coin Fair on March 4-5.

The outstanding features of the Fair will be the special limited issue of proof sets by the Royal Australian Mint. The Controller of the Mint believes the issue of the special proof set gives serious collectors a rewarding momento of a significant numismatic event. The sets will be specially sealed internally so that they are distinguishable from the regular proof sets to be released a month later. Last year's special coin fair sets have all sold out and doubled in price in the meantime. Dealers and the Mint have cooperated in this venture to make it possible for dedicated collectors to have something special apart from the opportunities to buy and sell at the bourse and meet fellow collectors.

The set is only available at the Fair and will be priced at approximately $70 each. They will be sold on a first come first served basis. Mintage is limited to 5,000. The Fair opens at 10 a.m. on Saturday March 4 and a queue is anticipated by the organizers so it may pay to be early.

The Fair is organised by Spink & Son (Australia) Pty Ltd.

■**The Adelaide Sunday Mail** reports fake one dollar coins are being made in Adelaide, Australia and used in vending machines. About 160 of the counterfeits have surfaced so far. The coins are apparently created by glueing together a 10 cent and two cent coin and then sanding down the "sandwich" until it is the same size as the dollar. The vending machines cannot detect the fakes.

■**Peru** devalued its currency by 28.5%. This latest move is hoped to help slow down inflation which exceeded 1700% last year. New official exchange rates value the inti at 700 to the U.S. dollar, up from 500. As recently as last September the dollar only bought 33 inti.

■**The Philippines** are experiencing a shortage of small change. The government ordered the reduction of jeepney fares for students to 65 centavos. However, drivers are frequently unable to make change so students are forced to pay the regular fare of 75 centavos.

Correction

Reader Art Friedberg states that the Portuguese State Mint is giving away the booklet explaining Portugal's role in discoveries only if you buy a proof set. Earlier we reported that the excellent booklet was free upon request. Apparently this is not the case.

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They don't come any rarer than this unique 1899 Perth half sovereign.

Unique Aussie half sovereign in sale

Collectors once again have an opportunity to acquire coins, tokens, world bank notes and war medals at the Spink auction being held Mar. 2-3 in Sydney, Australia. Featured in this auction is the unique 1899 Perth half sovereign which was once part of the Syd Hasley collection. This one-of-a-kind item carries a $125,000 estimate. It is fully authenticated by E.G.V. Newman and G.P. Dyer of the Royal Mint.

The sale is being held at the Sheraton Wentworth Hotel and is in conjuction with the second Australia International Coin Fair.

Highlight of the sale is the Pratley collection of Australian half sovereigns. According to the cataloger, Jim Nole, the collection is far better than any other held either publicly or privately. Only the finest examples of each date are included. The only currency example not included is the 1893 Melbourne issue. The unique 1899 Perth is in prooflike condition.

Australian rarities find new homes

The February issue of *Australian Coin Review* reports that several very rare Australian coins have recently changed hands. The only two known privately held florins of 1920 were reported sold by Wynyard Coin Centre for $45,000 each.

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34. 10 Yen 1952 Unc, Y-73 29.75
35. 10 Yen 1955 Unc, Y-73 17.00
36. 1000 Yen 1964 Unc, Y-80 85.00
37. 100 Yen 1972 Unc, Y-84 6.50

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38. 1/24 Shilling 1877 XF, KM-7 9.50
30. 1/12 Shilling 1894 XF, KM-8 11.25
40. 2 Pounds 1972 Proof, KM-37 25.50

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42. 5 Fun 1896 VF, KM-1106 4.95
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44. 2 Piastres 1925 VF, KM-4 5.25

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54 1 Cent 1885 Fine, KM-9a 5.50
55 1 Cent 1886 Fine, KM-9a 11.00
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57 5 Cents 1893 VF, KM-10 3.25
58 5 Cents 1895 F/VF, KM-10 2.50
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66 10 Cents 1890 XF, KM 11 5.75
67 20 Cents 1900 VF, KM 12 2 95
68 50 Cents 1897 Fine KM 13 55.00
69 5 Cents 1902 VF, KM 20 6 50
70 10 Cents 1902 F/VF, KM 21 3 00
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137 50 Centavos 1907 VF + KM 445 (curved 7 var) 4 25
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139 1 Peso 1920 VF KM 455 3 95

MEXICO

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143 25 Pesos 1968 Unc, KM-479.1 5.00

MOZAMBIQUE

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150. 10 Cents 1882 XF, KM-80 52.50
151. 2½ Gulden 1872 VF +, KM-82 21.00
152. 5 Cents 1850 VF, KM-91 4.50
153. 5 Cents 1853 Fine, KM-91 110.00
154. 5 Cents 1855 XF, KM-91 15.00
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197. 2½ Gulden 1933 VF +, KM 165 14.00
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199. 10 Cents 1943 XF, KM-173 5.60
200. 25 Cents 1943 VF, KM-174 11.35
201 2½ Gulden 1964 VF, KM-185 4.90

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203 1/10 Gulden 1901 VF, KM 36 29.25
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205. 10 Cents 1943-P XF KM-37 9 00
206 25 Cents 1943-P XF, KM-38 6 75
207 5 Cents 1943 VF, KM-40 3 25
208. 5 Cents 1943 Gem BU, KM-40 17 00
209. 2½ Cents 1944 Unc, KM-42 8 50
210 1 10 Gulden 1944 XF, KM-43 3 75
211 ¼ Gulden 1944 AU, KM-44 5 25

NEW CALEDONIA

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215 3 Pence 1936 XF KM 1 7 50
216 Shilling 1934 VF KM 3 5 50
217 3 Pence 1942 AU KM 7 1[illegible]

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243. 50 Ore 1941 Unc, Y-51 10.65
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268. ½ Balboa 1930 AU, KM 12 32.00
269. ½ Balboa 1962 Unc, KM-12 5.50
270. 1 Balboa 1931 XF, KM-13 13.25
271 1 Balboa 1947 AU, KM-13 10 00
272. 2½ Centesimos 1940 Unc, KM 16 10 60
273. 1 Balboa 1953 Unc, KM-21 21 25
274 5 Balboas 1970 Proof, KM 28 10 25

PARAGUAY

275 20 Centavos 1900 XF, KM-8 7 50

PERU

276. 8 Reales 1805 VF, KM-97 29 25
277 8 Reales 1806 Fine, KM 97 (with chop marks) 15 00
278 1 Centavo 1863, KM-187 1 4 50
279 1 Centavo 1919 Unc, KM-187 2 7 25
280 2 Centavos 1864 Unc KM 188 1a 51 00

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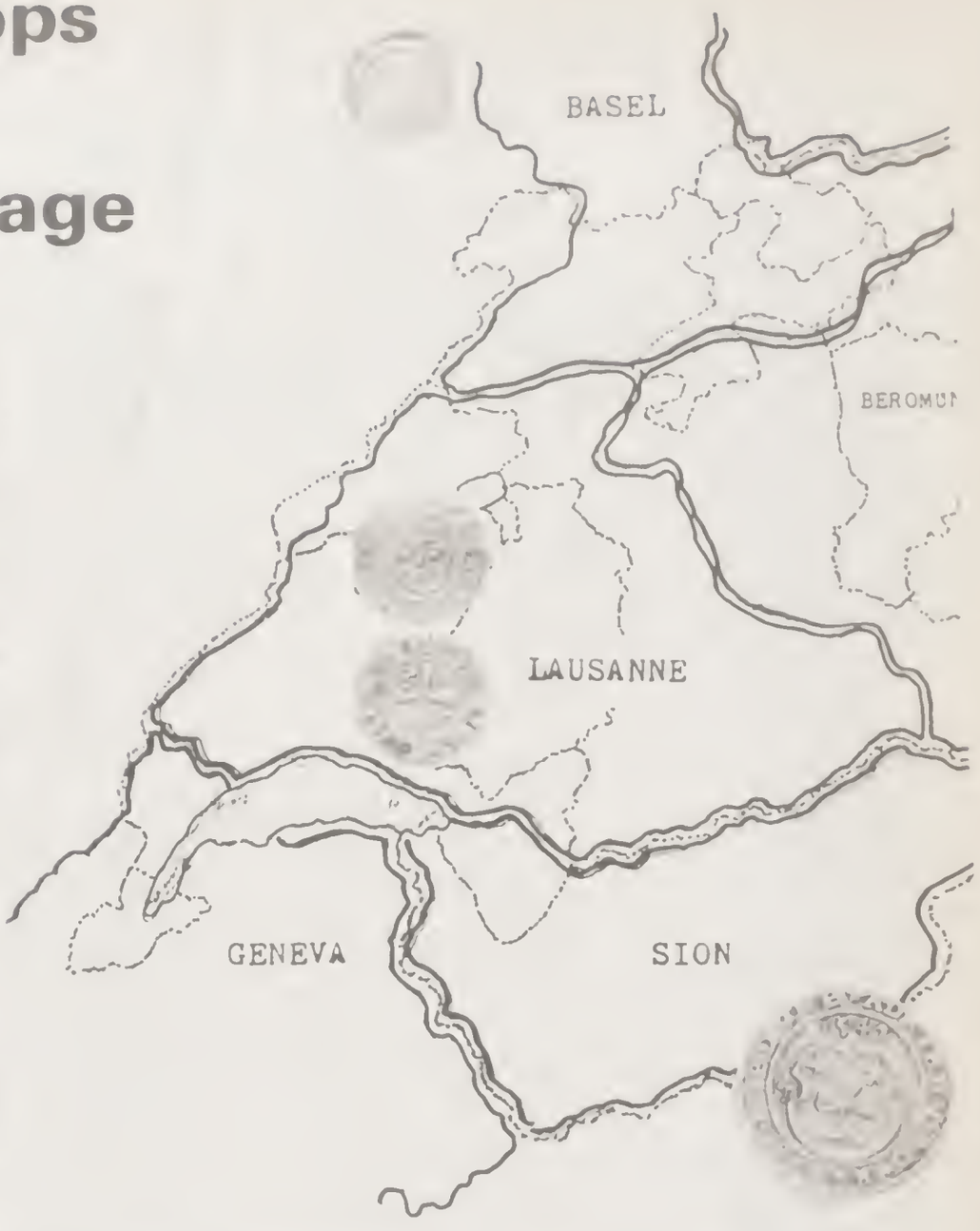
Swiss bishops produced prolific coinage

By John S. Davenport



There are no records of Switzerland before the Roman conquest in 58 B.C. Final subjugation of the Helvetians in the west and the Rhaetic ians in the east came in 15 B.C.

Latin language and civilization flourished under Roman rule until about A.D. 500. Christianity, probably introduced by merchants, artisans or slaves, became widespread while Switzerland was still a Roman domain. Monuments of tombs, chapels and altars date from the fourth century.

Two types of permanent inhabitants developed: Alemanns coming from the north and occupying the central area, and Burgundians penetrating into the west. The country became divided into three political units — Burgandy, Alemannia and Churrhaetia.

The central section had resisted Christianity and had to be slowly converted by Irish and Frankish monks. Monasteries were systematically established. Among the earliest were St. Ursanne, St. Gall, Disentis in the fifth century, and Einsiedeln in 734. Various parts of Switzerland were incorporated into the Frankish, Merovingian and Carolingian empires.

With the collapse of the latter, they were absorbed into the Roman Empire until the entire district was engulfed. The six ancient dioceses of Basel, Geneva, Lausanne, Sitten (Sion), Chur, and Constance, founded in the seventh century, remained virtually unchanged in the Middle Ages. Dominicans, Franciscans, Cistercians, and Poor Clares founded monasteries, along with Romanmunster, St. Urban (1190), Muri (1027), Engelburg (1120), and others.

After the overthrow of the Hohenstaufens, the cantons recognized Rudolph of Habsburg as emperor, but refused to become subjects of a Habsburg principality. In 1291 Schyz, Uri and Nidwalden signed the document creating the Swiss union. Other cantons adhered from 1332 until, in 1513, the confederacy consisted of 13 members.

The cantons took over the rights of the Austrian archduke, but there was no infringement on the rights of the churches or monasteries. However, appeal to foreign courts, except in matters spiritual or matrimonial, was forbidden. In the Great Schism (1378-1418) of the church, the Swiss sided with the Roman-Pisan popes and thus managed to secure new privileges from subsequent pontifs.

Early 15th- and 16th-century efforts at reform in the church had not prospered. When the attempts of bishops were met with dissent from cathedral chapters, city councils hoped to reform "by providing the Scriptures as the norm of faith and of divine service."

Luther was looked to early as a man to produce change, but it was not until Huldrych Zwingli appeared that the Reformation became serious. Customs and practices not found in Scriptures were denounced, and a wholesale destruction of images began. Monasteries were dissolved, and masses forbidden in Zurich in 1525.

The movement spread rapidly east from Zurich but was resisted in the west. A great religious debate took place in May-June in Baden in which the Catholics triumphed. Nevertheless, the new ideas continued to spread as Bern (1528), Basel (1529), Schaffhausen (1529), and Geneva (1535) accepted the new doctrines.

Resort to arms resulted in the death of Zwingli in 1531 and the end of the spread of his doctrines in Germanic Switzerland. Western Switzerland, especially after the appearance of John Calvin in Geneva, became a focus of international Protestanism.

With the intervention of Archbishop Charles Borromeo of Milan, the Counter-Reformation began in 1570. The Jesuits were introduced, colleges established, and monasteries founded or reactivated.

The seven Catholic cantons contracted alliances with Savoy, King Philip of Spain, and Catholic Alsatian cities. The deep seated opposition led to the two Wars of Religion (1656-1712) during which the Catholic cantons lost much administrative control.

Under Napoleon's early dominance, all 130 monasteries were dissolved, and their holdings became national property. In 1803, however, the Act of Mediation restored many of the Mon-

Early bracteats from Basel, Rheinau, Fischingen, Fraumunster, and Chur are pictured near their issuing localities on this map of early Switzerland. Also shown is a denier of Lausanne circa 1200 and a 1542 half teston of Sion.

doned monasteries.

While the coinage of several of the bishoprics was considerable, few of the many hundreds of monasteries ever developed any extensive coinage. The strikings were generally in the Middle Ages or the 18th century.

The city of Basel, founded in 374, became the seat of a bishopric in the fifth century. The bishop's power continued to expand both spiritually and temporally until the 14th century, when, after the city had become one of the centers of the Reformation, the burghers forced the bishops to move their seat to Porrentruy in 1525 and the city became independent.

The bishopric had, in the meantime, been admitted to the Swiss Confederation in 1501. The cathedral dates from 1356, and the university founded by Pius II in 1460 is the oldest in Switzerland. From 1431 to 1449 the great ecumenical council was held there. Erasmus lived in Basel from 1521 to 1529 and is buried there. The Congress of Berlin in 1815 divided the bishopric among Bern, Basel city, and Neuenburg.

A considerable bracteat coinage dating from the 11th century, produced by a large number of bishops over the years, usually depicted the bishop's head. Modern coinage begins with a handsome taler and double taler of 1596 struck by Jakob Christoph Blarer von Wartensee (1575-1608).

Before the cessation of coinage in 1788, six bishops had struck a considerable coinage in gold, silver and billon from three different mints. Besides the 1596 minting, large-size silver talers and double talers appeared in 1624, 1625, 1654, and 1716. Gold was struck in 1625, 1654, 1662, and 1716.

Chur, the easternmost bishopric in Switzerland, is a mixture of races and languages. The see is first mentioned in 452 but is undoubtedly somewhat older.

As the bishopric increased its temporal powers, it became dependent only on the empire, and the bishop became a prince of the Holy Roman Empire in 1170. In 1367 one of the three great Raetian bunds or leagues, the League of God's House, or the Gotteshausbund, was formed, of which the bishop became the head in 1392.

In 1498 the bishopric became an ally of the Swiss Confederation. With the advent of the Reformation in 1526, the bishop lost all his temporal powers.

The Middle Ages saw a sporadic coinage of bracteats, denars and pfennigs under a number of bishops. The first sustained coinage comes with Paul Ziegler von Zieglelberg (1503-1541), who minted batzens, bluzgers, and pfennigs, some with the steinbok, the Chur coat of arms.

Gold coinage appears with Petrus II Rascher (1581-1601) and taler coinage with Johann von Flugi von Aspermont (1601-1627). A very substantial coinage was struck under every subsequent bishop until a final ducat in 1767 by Johann Anton von Federspiel (1755-

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The largest of the bishoprics was Constance, a see from the sixth century. Its cathedral was built in 1069, and its bishop became a prince of the Roman Empire.

One of the most extensive bishoprics in Germany, over 440 square miles, it covered most of Baden and Wurttemberg and 12 of the 22 Swiss cantons with 350 monasteries, 1,760 benefices, and 17,000 priests. The bishop ruled the city as well as his bishopric until 1527, when he was forced to flee to Meersburg as the city joined the Protestant Schmalkaldic League.

After the defeat of the Protestants at Muhlberg in 1547, Charles V, in the following year, forced the city to readmit its bishop and accept Catholicism. He then annexed the lands to the Austrian dominions. It was secularized in 1803 and finally suppressed in 1821.

The first episcopal coinage appeared in about 900. Anonymous bracteats were struck during the Middle Ages with a name coinage under Heinrich von Tannegg (1233-1248) and Hugo von Hohenlandenberg (1496-1532). After 1547 the coinage is essential Germanic.

Geneva, in extreme southwest Switzerland, became the seat of a bishopric in circa 400. The land was under Burgundian sovereignty until reverting to the Emperor Conrad II in 1032. He apparently handed over temporal authority of the city to the bishop, who in 1202 became a prince of the Roman Empire subject only to the emperor.

The succeeding centuries saw the inevitable struggle with the citizens and the foreign neighbors, especially the counts of Savoy and the counts of Geneva. Members of both houses were sometimes bishops during this period.

The bishopric was rescued from becoming part of the realm of Savoy by an alliance with Fribourg and then with Bern. In 1530 the duke of Savoy agreed to trouble Geneva no further, and Geneva became completely independent, allied with the Swiss Confederation. In 1535 Protestantism was accepted as the official religion of the bishop's territories. John Calvin arrived in 1536, was expelled in 1538, but returned permanently in 1541 when he set up a theocracy in a reorganized republic.

The bishop had removed his residence from Geneva to Annecy in 1535, and Catholic districts surrounded the city. The bishopric actually continued until 1821 when the Bishop of Lausanne was authorized to add Geneva to his title.

Medieval denars show the close relationship between the bishopric and city. Under Friedrick (1032-1073), his title appears on the obverse and "Geneva Civitas" on the reverse. Peter, count of Genevois (1371-1392), issued grosos, and Carl II of Savoy had testons minted.

The bishopric of Lausanne settled its seat at Lausanne on the north shore of Lake Geneva at the end of the sixth century. Carolingian and Burgundian rulers gradually added to its territories, and the bishop was made Count de Vaud.

The right to strike money was probably granted in 1011 and confirmed in 1150. Anonymous denars were produced in the succeeding centuries until circa 1390, when the bishops' names begin to appear on gros, forts, tresels, parpaiolles, oboles, ducats, and quarts. The last bishop to coin, Sebastien de Montfaucon (1517-1536), so debased and fabricated the currency that some cantons, along with France and Savoy, put an end to all Lausanne minting.

The bishopric of Sion (Sitten), located in southwestern Switzerland on the Italian border, dates from Roman times under the name of Sudunum. The city of Sion became the seat of a bishopric about 550. Its cathedral dates only from the 15th century.

In 999 the bishop was created Count of Valais by Rudolph III, king of Burgundy. Subsequent bishops ruled as both spiritual and temporal lords of the

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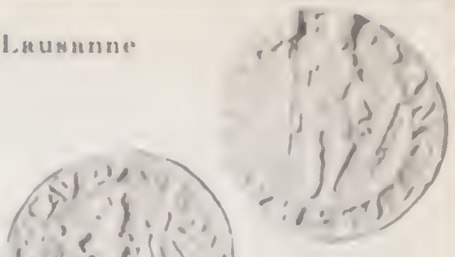
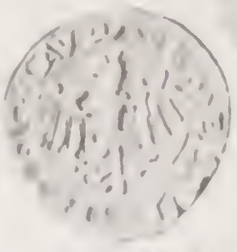
Coins of Lausanne

A parpaiolle struck circa 1460

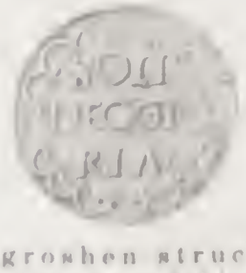




A debased teston issued by the last Lausanne bishop to strike coins, Sebastien de Montfaucon.

The first Swiss ecclesiastical taler, a 1498 guldiner

Sion coinage



1499 batze

six groshen struck by bishop Mathaus Schiner

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canton until 1798, losing some of their possessions over the years. Gold coins appeared as early as the seventh century.

Again in the late 15th and early 16th centuries, a revived coinage was struck. Large silver talers were coined from 1498 (one of the earliest of the type) to the late 1500s under four bishops. Smaller silver and billon coins continued until 1778.

Conflict between the bishop and the Burgerschaft resulted in the establishing of the Republic of Wallis (1627-1630). In 1628 the republic coined a dickon and three pieces of silver billon.

The Prebendary monastery of Munster (Beromunster) was founded in 720 by Count Bero of Lensburg in the southern part of his county in Aagau. The territory was transferred to Luzern in 1415.

An extensive coinage in the 17th and 18th centuries was called Michels-Pfennige. Guldens of half-taler size and half guldens weighed 7 to 14 grams. These bear on the obverse Bero, count of Lenzburg, founder of the religious establishment of Bero, and on the reverse "Colle-Gium. Beronense. Suis. Benevolis. Don. Debit."

St. Michael appears equipped with sword or spear and shield about to dispatch Satan or a dragon prostrate at his feet. Though normally in silver, some were struck in gold in ducat and multiple-ducat weights, perhaps to present to visiting dignitaries.

A 1720 striking commemorates the 1,000th anniversary of the founding. The pieces should, perhaps, be considered only medals.

Disentis, a Benedictine Abbey founded in the eighth century at the source of the Rhine River in Graubunden, flourished as an imperial abbey in Carolingian times. It was destroyed by the Saracens in 940 but restored and enhanced by Frederic Barbarossa.

Some of the congregation joined the Reformation, but the abbey remained Catholic. It flourished again until burned by the French in 1799.

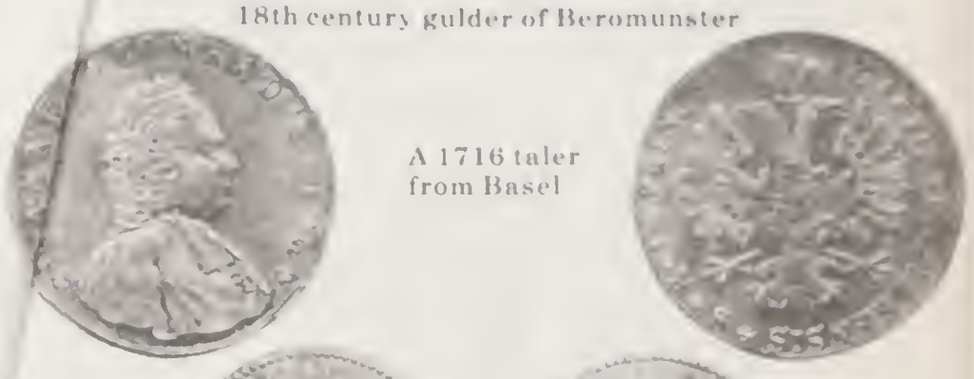
The monks returned in 1804, but another fire ended its activities momentarily until another restoration in 1880. It was given the coinage right in 1571, but had only a meager output of pfennigs, bluzgers and kreuzers under three abbots in the early 18th century.

The Benedictine abbey of Maria Einsiedeln was founded about 734 in the canton of Schwyz. In 1274 the reigning abbot was raised to the dignity of prince of the Roman Empire. At first under the protection of the counts of Rapperswyl, then under the Laufenburg family, it came finally under the supervision of the Schwyz canton in 1386. It became a favorite pilgrimage site during the Middle Ages. Although sacked by the French in 1798, many of its treasures and library survived.

Zwingli was a parish priest there from 1516 to 1518 before his Protestant conversion. The meager bracteat coinage of the Middle Ages, after a long hiatus, was revived in the 18th century by a series of medals and by a gold ducat issued in 1783 by Abbot Beatus Kuttel, perhaps to celebrate his 50th birthday. This appeared also in silver, as did a ducat of 1786.

Engelberg, the great Benedictine monastery situated in the Alpine valley surrounded by Uri, Nidwalden and Bern, was territorially the largest and most enduring of the Swiss abbeys.

18th century gulder of Beromunster



A 1716 taler from Basel

1720 five ducats of Muri

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1628 taler of Joseph Mohr von Lernetz

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Founded about 1130, it still survives, although its buildings date only from the early 18th century. After 1462 it was under the protection of Luzern, Schwyz, Uri, and Unterwalden.

The abbot lost his temporal powers in 1798, and the land areas were several times shifted among the surrounding cantons, although the monastery is still directly dependent on the pope. It apparently minted only medieval bracteats with an angel and the abbot's head below, questionably attributed.

The Benedictine abbey of Fischingen lies in the city of the same name on the Murg River in southern Thurgau. It is the shrine of St. Ida, countess of Toggenburg. Confirmation of the coinage right is not clear.

The coat of arms is interesting; Rheinau has one fish, Fischingen two, and Reichenau three. The only attributable coinage was minted under Abbot Franz Troger (1688-1728), who issued ducats and double ducats in 1726 on the 50th anniversary of the Preisterjubilaum of the abbey. As these were struck in six- and 50-ducat weights as well as in silver, they are probably medallic rather than coin of the realm.

One of the great churches in Zurich, the Fraumunster, was founded for nuns in 853. The buildings, however, date largely from the 13th and 14th centuries and, until the Reformation, housed the relics of the three patron saints of the city — Felix, Regula and Exuperantius. There were originally only 12 nuns, all of noble families nominally under imperial sovereignty.

The power of the ruling abbess was steadily extended over the community but did not include criminal jurisdiction until circa 1304. She became a princess of the Roman Empire in 1234, but though still "the lady of Zurich," her authority passed to a council that she had originally named but which came to be elected by the burgers. With the sweep of the Reformation, the convent was suppressed in 1524.

The granting of the mint right in 1048 produced a variety of bracteats, denars, and durnpfennige in the 11th and 12th centuries. These usually have the head of an abbess, one of the saints, a church, or temple gates with "Turecum" or "Zurich" for identity.

Muri, a Benedictine abbey in Aargau, founded in 1027 by the Habsburgs as a family cloister, was settled from Einsiedeln. The first prior Reginbold (1032-1055) built the convent. The Romanesque church was consecrated in 1064, and in 1065 the provost Burkhard von Gas[illegible] became an abbot.

In 1082 Muri was detached from the Habsburgs and came under imperial and papal protection. In 1431 the right of "advocatus" went to the Swiss Confederation, while pontifical privileges were granted to the abbot in 1507.

The Reformation saw the near ruin of the abbey, but prestige was partially restored under Abbot Singeisen (1596-1644). In 1622 the abbey became exempt from the bishop of Constance. After acquiring new lands, which made Muri the richest abbey in Switzerland, the abbot was made a prince of the empire in 1701. Restrictions by the Helvetian Republic brought swift decline, secularization in 1802, and extinction in 1841.

The only coinage was struck in 1720 by Abbot Placidus von Zurlauben (1684-1723) — a jubilee ducat and five-ducat for his 74th birthday and the 36th anniversary of his rule. These appear also in silver.

The Benedictine abbey of Rheinau lay in a bend of the Rhine River in northernmost Zurich. It was a free imperial abbey until incorporated into Zurich in 1803 and then dissolved in 1862.

It possessed the mint right and coined bracteats meagerly in the Middle Ages, especially under Heinrich II (1195-1233). Abbot Gerald II von Zurlauben (1697-1735) revived the coinage privilege with a gold ducat in 1710 on the new construction of the abbey church.

Again in 1723 two double ducats and a single ducat were struck for his 74th birthday and the 27th anniversary of his installation as abbot. One of the two ducat coins bears his bust, the other has his coat of arms with a standing figure of St. Fintan on the reverse. As the pieces were all struck in silver, except for one in bronze, they were doubtless non-circulating.

The Benedictine monastery of Sanctus Gallus, founded in 612 in the city of St. Gall by the Irish hermit St Gall, was repeatedly destroyed by the wars between the Alemanns and Franks. In 818 it achieved the status of an imperial abbey. Poets, scholars and illuminators flourished under Irish influence.

The abbot acquired broad temporal powers and ruled most of what became the cantons of St. Gall and Appenzell. Schismatic elections and party strife brought on a decline until the mid-15th century when Prince Abbot Ulric VII succeeded in making the abbey an associate in the Swiss Confederation.

Appenzell had broken free in 1411, and the city disassociated itself from the abbey in 1455 and turned Protestant with the resulting destruction of all of the abbey's medieval works of art. In 1798 it was initially secularized and finally suppressed in 1805.

The coinage is quite sporadic despite its mint right being one of the oldest in Switzerland, dating from circa 947. Bracteats and pfennigs with the head of the saint date from circa 1200. Later issues have a bear or a lamb.

Heinrich von Mangisdorf (1417-1426) had the honor of striking a groschen in 1424, the first coin in Christian Europe to bear an Arabic date. The 17th century saw coinage only in 1622 — single and double talers under Bernard II Muller von Ochsenhausen (1594-1630). The 18th century had an extensive coinage of gold, silver and billon under Beda Anghern von Hugenwyl (1767-1796).

Coins of St Gall

1777 taler of Beda Anghern von Hugenwyl

Early 13th century bracteat

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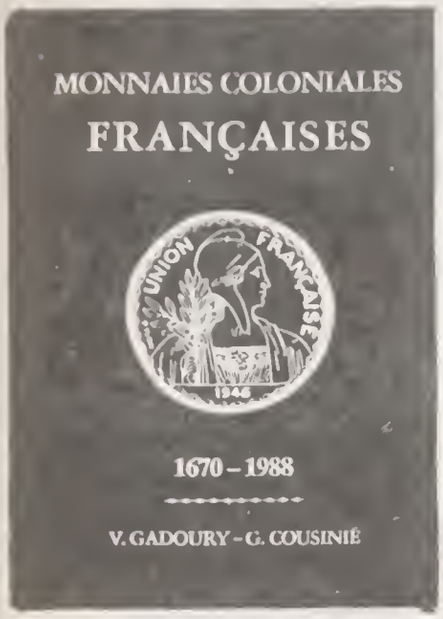

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Do you have any information on the original value or weight of the mark?

The mark originated in Europe as a weight, later becoming a unit of value. Originally it was generally used to designate eight ounces of gold or silver. Curiously enough the mark in some parts of Europe was divided into 24 parts, or carats. By 1873 when the mark became the official currency unit in Germany it was equal to only six grains of .900 fine gold, at the time worth about 24 cents in U.S. money.

Is — or was — the official mint of Tibet in Lhasa, the capital?

Finding the Tibetan Mint turned into an exercise in frustration that lasted several weeks. The Standard Catalog of World Coins lists Lhasa as the site of a Chinese mint from 1792 to 1836, a period when the Tibetan Mint was closed. The latter is mentioned, but without a location. According to another source, the Tibeten Mint is, or was, located in the city of Tropcha, 1.5 miles north of Lhasa. The Tibetans minted coins at Tropcha from the late 1830s until 1953.

Very rare Edward VIII three pence — but don't send yours to the mint for authentication!

Did the British government at one time confiscate coins struck with the bust of Edward VIII?

So the story goes. Although coins were struck for several of the nations in the British Commonwealth, the statement was made that none were struck for the homeland. A schoolboy reportedly found a 12 sided threepence with Edward VIII depicted on it, and made the mistake of sending it to the Royal Mint for authentication. It was promptly confiscated, with the statement that the coins "had never officially circulated."

Did Honduras once use United States coins in its economy?

As did many Central and South American countries, Honduras used American coins over a long period of time, some going into use in the mid 1800s. By 1951 Honduras had accumulated some 14 million U.S. half dollars, which were equal in value to the one lempira coin. The Central Bank recalled them and shipped them back to the States, to the Philadelphia Mint, replacing them with a new 1 lempira note later in the year.

Did the United Nations ever issue a universal currency?

The U.N. dabbled several times with the concept of a universal monetary system, including a scheme in 1949 which [illegible]

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struck. In 1951, possibly as another trial balloon, the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) actually did issue coupon notes in three denominations, to be used for the purchase of scientific books, films and other educational material. The notes were sold denominated in $1, $3 and $100 amounts, at the official rate of exchange on the date purchased. They were good in a total of 23 countries.

Is it true that some of the bank notes of Tibet have writing on the "inside" of the paper — perhaps a strange way of describing a watermark?

Some of the Tibetan notes do have a security feature such as you describe, but there is a simple explanation for it. The notes are printed on two sheets of paper. Then a two line statement is printed on the blank side of the back of the note and the two pieces are glued together, so that the security printing can be seen when the note is held up to the light.

I have a piece which has the head of Queen Victoria of England on one side and a Liberty Head which resembles several U.S. coins on the other. Is this a pattern of some sort?

You have a piece which is listed as an American game counter or poker chip, with the Liberty Head as the obverse. These were widely used in the 1800s and come in a wide variety of designs. Those with designs similar to U.S. coin designs are considered as American tokens, so this particular piece actually is a mule of an American design mated with an English design, probably by a manufacturer in Germany.

What do the letters "I.H.S." mean on some older coins?

There are two answers for this. The commonly quoted version is that I.H.S. is the abbreviation for the Latin, "JESUS HOMINUM SALVATOR," or "Jesus the Savior of Men." However, the earliest source appears to be the Greek abbreviation for Jesus, Iota Eta Sigma, at that time written as IHE., with a single period. It was a popular Christian slogan, and had the unique distinction of once appearing on an Arabic coin.

I know invasion coins, but "evasion" coins?

Evasion coins had their beginning in England in the 1700s, when it was worth your life to counterfeit gold or silver. Because of a loophole in the law the faking of copper alloy coins was only a misdemeanor, with considerably milder punishment. Counterfeiters anxious to evade even that legal problem got around it by using all sorts of wording on the coins that was similar to the official language, but not exactly the same. Where the real coins said Britannia, the fakes had Britons Rule, Britannias Isles or even Bonny Girl. Given the general illiteracy of the populace, these evasions were usually readily accepted.

Didn't the Romans at one time have a dating system of their own?

The Romans used a calendar based on the "beginning" or founding of the city of Rome. Various authorities disagree on the exact conversion of that date into the Christian calendar, but it occured approximately between 754 B.C. and 747 B.C. The Roman calendar years were numbered as "Anno Vrbis Conditae" (AVC), meaning "In the year of the founding of the city."

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JAPAN: 1889, 1 Yen, YA-25 2, VF-XF
1913, 1 Sen, Y-35, AU
1970, 100 Yen, Y-83, BU
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JORDAN: 1964, 1 Fil, KM-8, BU
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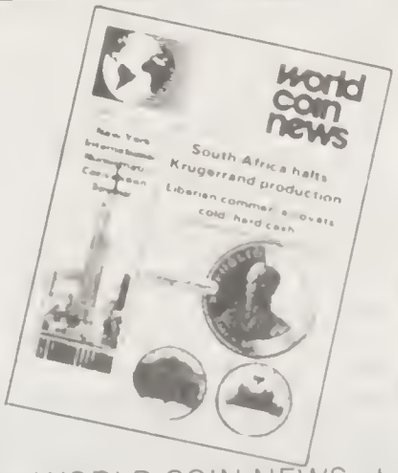

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For those who might wish further information as to membership and receipt of the tri-annual bulletin inquires may be directed to the Sociedad Numismatica Bolivianna, Casilla 6592, La Paz, Bolivia or to its US representative: George Lill III, P.O. Box 69, Morton Grove IL 60053.

■**The Canadian Numismatic Association** features two stories by R.J. Graham in the February issue of their *Canadian Numismatic Journal*. The stories are about counterfeit coin scares of 1885 and 1910. Those interested in Canadian coins will find them interesting. To join CNA and receive their journal write them at P.O. Box 220, Barrie, Ontario, Canada L4M 4T2.

■**The Queensland Numismatic Society** reports that member Warren Amundsen recently added some 40 odd new examples of turnstile and vending machine tokens to his collection. Included was a very unusual vending machine token from Belvando Shire that is good for a quarter hour of lighting on the tennis courts. The society meets the first Friday of the month in Queensland, Australia. For more information, write them at P.O. Box [illegible] Townsville 4810, Queensland, Australia.

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Mar. 2-3: Spink & Son (Australia) PTY LTD. 53 tin Place, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia. Australian and v Zealand tokens, coin, banknotes and war medals.

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lar. 13-15: F. R. Kunker, Hegerstrasse 13, D 4500 nabruck, West Germany.

Mar. 14-16: Stack's, 123 West 57th Street, New York, 10019. This sale contains an attractive group of gold and er coins from Western Hemisphere countries plus Cana- n paper money. The section begins with proof one, two, r and five pesos of Cuba. Mexican gold includes eight udos of 1822 and 1834. Canadian banknotes include a e $500 of 1935 which is estimated to fetch at least $3,000.

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Mar. 17 (closing date): Alex G. Malloy, P.O. Box South Salem, NY 10590 ($3.50). Fully illustrated catalog ncients with a special section on Greek Imperial counter- marks.

***Mar. 17-18: Moore Numismatics of Canada,** P.O. Box 1296, Lewiston, NY 14092 ($10). 1,500 lots of Canadian and foreign coins, tokens and banknotes. Held in conjuction with the Toronto International Coin Fair.

Mar. 25: Phillips, 65 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 JJL, Scotland.

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Apr. 8: Holomaato, Snellmaninkatu 15, SF00170, HKI HFRS, Helsinki, Finland.

Apr. 12: Glendining's, Blenstock House, 7 Blenheim Street, New Bond Street, London W1Y 9LD, England. Coins and medals of the world.

Apr. 19-21: Schulten & Co., Klingelputz 16, 5000 Cologne, West Germany.

Apr. 22: TDA AG, Birchstrasse 91, 8156 Oberhasli, Switzerland. A one day auction of modern coins held in con- juction with the Berne Coin fair.

Apr. 25: Spink and Son, Lowenstrasse 65, 8001 Zurich, Switzerland.

Apr. 26-28: Munz Zentrum, Albrecht Hoffmann GmbH, Ruhensstrasse 42, 5000 Cologne, West Germany.

MAY

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While the March catalogue is being distributed, the firm is busy with its next sale to be held in New York City in June, for which consignments are being accepted by Richard A. Bagg, Ph.D., Director of Auctions. Beyond that the company has the official ANA Convention sale in Pittsburgh in August, and a series of New York City sales for next autumn.

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At least 28 previously unpublished coins will be just some of the highlights for those perusing Alex G. Malloy, Inc.'s new 56 page special Greek Imperial auction catalog. Fully illustrated, each coin offered is listed with its transcription and is referenced to the leading museum collections. With over 543 lots, a special section on Greek Imperial countermarks, and three maps, this sale promises to become a frequently consulted source for identifying this difficult series. Hundreds of lots are also highlighted by historical background notes.

Of interest to collectors are Roman Egyptian drachms depicting signs of the Zodiac and the Labors of Herakles, Holy Land City Coins of 13 different mints, and numerous rare Roman Imperial personages. Coins of individual interest include a bronze of Herod Philip II of Caesarea Paneas, a Roman Civil War issue from Corinth, and a rare Greek Imperial brockage.

Since the publication of David Sear's *Greek Imperial Coins*, followed by other needed references on the subject, the collecting of Greek Imperials has come into its own. According to Malloy, now in his 23rd year dealing in ancients, "The field of Greek Imperials has been completely transformed over the past few years. More collectors are discovering that this series presents more history per coin than [illegible] because the Greek Imperial market is [illegible] predominated exclusively by the [illegible] collector that [illegible] for all [illegible] years."

The sale of Malloy's 57th auction is slated for close of March 31, 1998. Readers may obtain a copy of the large format catalogue, the first class for $5.00, by writing to Alex G. Malloy, Inc., P.O. Box [illegible], South Salem, NY [illegible], or by calling (914) [illegible].

calendar

The *World Coin News* club show and commercial events calendar is a guide to events with a focus for world coin collectors. **Domestic events scheduled up to 10 weeks in advance** of the issue date and **foreign events up to six months in advance** are listed. Abbreviations used: "A" — admission charge, "T" — number of tables, "F" — table fee, "N/A" — not available, "I" — commercially sponsored show or an event sponsored by a club that schedules more than two events annually. Other data required for submitting a listing: name and address of show site, and name and address of bourse chairman or other contact person.

MARCH

Mar 1 AUSTRALIA, Sydney. Australian Int'l Banknote Fair. The Wynyard Travelodge (First Floor), 9 York St. A: free. 12 dealers. Telex: AA27283. FAX: (02) 233 6009. PH: (02) 223 4578 (02) 913 3036. Mark Freehill, c/o Spink & Son (Australia) Pty Ltd, 53 Martin Place, Sydney, NSW 2000.

Mar 3-5 CO, Colorado Springs. 11th American Numis. Assn. Midwinter Convention. Broadmoor Int'l Center. PH: 719-632-2646. Deborah J. Muehleisen, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279.

Mar 3-5 NV, Las Vegas. Numis. Soc. 26th Annual Coin Show. Union Plaza Hotel-Downtown. PH: 702-642-7044. Ernie Ferrario, 1417 Webb St., Las Vegas, NV 89030.

Mar 3-5 TN, Chattanooga. TN State Numis. 24th Annual Spring Convention. Quality Inn, I-75 at East Ridge, Exit 1. A: free. PH: 404-861-9039. Ruth Armstrong, PO Box 80052, Chattanooga, TN 37411.

Mar 4-5 AUSTRALIA, Sydney. 2nd Australian Int'l Coin Fair. Holiday Inn Menzies Ballroom, Sydney NSW. T: 70. F: $950. Tel: (02) 223 4578. Telex: 27283 or FAX: (02) 233 6009. Spink & Son (Australia) Pty Ltd, 53 Martin Place, Sydney, NSW 2000.

Mar 5 MI, Farmington Hills. Coin, Stamp & Baseball Card Show. Mercy Center Hall. 28600-11 Mile Rd.-Gate 4. A: free. T: 40. F: $28. Violet M. Muszynski, 23724 Barfield Dr., Farmington Hills, MI 48024.

Mar 5 NY, Mineola. Long Island Collectibles Show. K of C Hall. 186 Jericho Turnpike. A: $1. T: 45. F: $40. PH: 516-795-4628. Marty Hammons. New Trade Center. A: $1. T: 100. F: $150. $600. PH: 303 431 2646. Western Int'l. Box 1139, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033.

Mar 10-12 MN, Minneapolis. 55th Annual Northwest Coin Club Show. Hyatt Regency Hotel. 1300 Nicollet Mall. T: 100. F: $210. PH: 612 331 8246. Dick Grenoble. Northwest Coin Club. PO Box 18053, Minneapolis, MN 55418.

Mar 10-12 MS, Biloxi. 28th Annual MS State Numis. Assn. Convention. Biloxi Hilton. 3580 West Beach Blvd. A: free. T: 70. F: $175. PH: 601 388 4607. Louis Villalpando. M & L Gifts, Edgewater Plaza, Biloxi, MS 39531.

Mar 10-12 OH, Dayton. 22nd Semi-Annual Spring Coin Expo. Convention & Expo Center. 5th & Main. A: free. T: 100. PH: 513-426-4232. Ron Crouch, 1921 Scotch Pine Dr., Dayton, OH 45432.

Mar 10-12 TX, Dallas-Fort Worth. Metroplex Spring Coin Expo., Irving Conv. Center, Hwy 183. T: 75. F: $225. PH: 214-262 4491 eves. Paul Garner, Box 224584, Dallas, TX 75222.

Mar 11-12 CA, Eureka. Coin Club 23rd Annual Show. Redwood Acres Fairgrounds. 3750 Harris St. A: free. T: 32. F: $65. Harry Dixon, Eureka Coin Club, PO Box 505, Eureka, CA 95501.

Mar 11 GA, Smyrna. Marietta-Smyrna Coin Club Show. Cobb Center Mall. 2200 S. Cobb Dr. (South Cobb & Pat Mell). A: free. T: 30. F: $35. Ray Brandt, PO Box 3, Marietta, GA 30061.

Mar 11-12 IL, Elk Grove. 10th Annual Spring Nat'l Collectibles Expo. Holiday Inn, 1000 Busse Rd. (Rt. 83) at Landmeier Rd. PH: 517-423-8951 or 312-444-2110. Paul Cunningham, Box 1, Tecumseh, MI 49286.

Mar 11-12 VA, Virginia Beach. Tidewater Coin Club Coin-A-Rama, Pavilion Beach Expressway. A: free. T: 50. F: $100. Malcolm Gutterman, PO Box 1145, Norfolk, VA 23501. PH: 804-627-1095.

Mar 10-12 AL, Edmonton. Coin & Stamp Show, Westwood Village Inn. Albert Kaiser, Box 1654, Calgary, AL T2P 2L7.

Mar 12 MI, Southfield. Collectibles Show. VFW Hall. 24222 W. 9 Mile Rd. (just west of Telegraph). A: free. T: 31. F: $30. Joe Samet, PO Box 3149, Southfield, MI 48037.

Mar 12 PA, King of Prussia. Valley Forge Bi-Monthly Coin Show, Hilton. On 202 North-1 mile N. of the Schuylkill Expwy. & Exit 24 of PA Tnpke., A: free. Arnold A. Hoberman, PO Box 57141, Philadelphia, PA 19111.

Mar 16-19 MA, Boston. Bay State Coin Show. PH: 617-729-9677. Edward Aleo.

Mar 16-19 NH, Nashua. Coin & Stamp Show, Nashua Mall. Rt. 3, Exit 6, A: free. T: 40. Joe Valardi, PO Box 742, Gardner, MA 01440.

Mar 17-19 ON, Toronto. International Coin Fair. Lakeshore Inn, 2000 Lakeshore Blvd. W. PH: 419-229-COIN or 416-229-2646. John Regitko, PO Box 973, Station "B", Willowdale, ON M2K 2T6.

Mar 18-19 CA, Sacramento. Valley Coin Club 7th Annual Spring Show, Elks Hall, 6446 Riverside Blvd., A: free. T: 70. F: $1[illegible] $20. [illegible]

Mar 18-19 LA, [illegible] Carnival [illegible] Airport [illegible] T: 40. F: $12[illegible] Rd. [illegible] LA 70433.

Mar 18-19 PA, West Mifflin. M[illegible] Annual Show. Century Plaza [illegible] Rd. A: free. T: 40. F: $6[illegible] Rd. McMurray, PA 15317.

Mar 18-19 TX, Houston. Intercontinental Airport Area Hotels Sofitel, 425 North Beltway 8. A: free. T: 75. F: $1[illegible] Milton Dove. PO Box 92146, Houston, TX 77206-2146.

Mar 19 AZ, Tucson. Southern AZ Coin & Stamp Show. Quality Manor Inn, 5900 North Oracle Rd. A: free. T: 18. Per: L. Stephen. PO Box 55785, Tucson, AZ 85703-5785.

Mar 19 MI, Royal Oak. Coin, Stamp & Baseball Card Show. American Legion Post #253, 1815 Rochester Rd. (corner of 12 Mile Rd.). A: free. T: 35. F: $28. Violet M. Muszynski, 23724 Barfield Dr., Farmington Hills, MI 48024.

Mar 19 NJ, Clifton. World Money Show. American Legion Hall, 1556 Main Ave., A: free. T: 25. F: $35. John Lott, 6045 Blvd. East, West New York, NJ 07093. PH: 201-868-5742.

Mar 19 WI, Madison. Coin Club Show. Sheraton Inn & Conference Center, 706 John Nolen Dr. A: free. T: 55. F: $40-$50. Robert Kraft, 404 Glenway St., Madison, WI 53711.

Mar 19 W. GERMANY, Munchen. 6th International Banknote, Stock Certificate & Coin Show. Kolpinghaus Hanebergstr. F: DM 120. PH: (89) - 6016202. FAX: (89) - 6014744. S. Reichenberger, Dornroschenstr. 18. D-8000 Munchen 83.

Mar 24-25 NJ, Montvale. ROPNEX Show. Ramada Inn, 100 Chestnut Hill Rd., A: $1.50 adults, $1 kids under 12. T: 46. F: $120.-$225. Geri Peltin, Box 122, Eastchester, NY 10709.

Mar 26 MI, Royal Oak. Collectibles Show, American Legion Post 253, 1815 Rochester Rd. (corner of 12 Mile Rd.). A: free. T: 36. F: $30. Joe Samet, PO Box 3149, Southfield, MI 48037.

Mar 30-April 2 MO, St. Louis. Numis. & Philatelic Expo., Cervantes Convention Center. T: 500. PH: 918-451-0665. John Highfill, PO Box 142, Broken Arrow, OK 74013. James K. Brandt, PO Box 787, Pearl River, NY 10965.

Mar 31-Apr 2 CA, Santa Clara. Great American Coin & Stamp Show. Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy., A: free. T: 300. F: $175. Rudy Christians, 2130 Hilltop Dr., Redding, CA 96002.

Mar 31-April 2 NY, New York. 33rd Annual Metro NY Numis. Convention & 2nd Annual Paper Money Show. Vista Int'l. Hotel, Three World Trade Center. A: free. T: 110. PH: 914-735-7773. James K. Brandt, PO Box 787.

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Apr 2 MI, Roseville Collectibles Show VFW Hall 25681 Gratiot (north of 10 Mile) A free T 51 F $30 Joe Samet PO Box 3149 Southfield MI 48037

Apr 7-9 FL, Lakeland

Apr 7-9 IL, Chicago 14th Annual CICF Hyatt Regency Hotel 151 East Wacker Dr A free T 100 PH 312 654 2580 RAR A 6262 S Rt 83 Willowbrook IL 60514

Apr 7-9 NY, White Plains WESPNEX Coin Show Westchester County Center Bronx River Pkwy & Tarrytown Rd A $2 50 adults $1 50 kids under 12 T 86 PH 914 961 3305 Earl H Pelton Box 122 East Chester NY 10709

Apr 7-9 WI, Milwaukee South Shore Coin Club 26th Annual Show Mecca Convention Center 6th & Kilbourn A free T 150 F $195 PH 414 643 5775 Robert Krueger 3058 S 13 St Milwaukee WI 53215

Apr 7-8 ENGLAND, Manchester Coinex North 89 Portland Hotel Piccadilly Gardens T 40

Apr 8 MI, Lansing MI Token & Medal Society Show Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge 6741 S Cedar St A free T 15 F $10 Paul Manderscheid c/o Liberty Coins 300 Frandor Ave Lansing MI 48912

Apr 8-9 NETHERLANDS, Maastricht European Paper Money Bourse Maaspavilioen (MET) 31 77 541440 Math Wibautstraat 92 5912 JK Venlo The Netherlands

Apr 8-9 ITALY, Imola XXIII Mostra Philatelic Numismatic la sala "G Micet" nuovo mercato coperto V le D Rivalto Circolo Fil Num G Piani" C P 68 40026 Imola Italy

Apr 9 MI, Farmington Hills Coin Stamp & Baseball Card Show Mercy Center Hall 28600-11 Mile Rd Gate 4 A free T 40 F $28 Violet M Muszynski 23724 Barfield Dr Farmington Hills MI 48024

Apr 9 MI, Royal Oak Collectibles Show American Legion Post 253 1815 Rochester Rd (corner of 12 Mile Rd) A free T 36 F $30 Joe Samet PO Box 3149 Southfield MI 48037

Apr 13-15 MEXICO, Mexico City XVIth Int'l Numis Convention Hotel Maria Sheraton F $200 Tels 536 44 40 y 543 17 91 Sociedad Numismatica De Mexico A C Eugenia N 13-301 Apartado Postal 60 589 Mexico 18 D F

Apr 14-16

Apr 14 16 MI

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Apr 15 16 IA

Apr 15-16 SK

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Apr 16 NJ, Wayne Money Show American Legion Hall 1556 Main Ave A free T 25 F $35 Kurt Luft 6045 Blvd East West New York NJ 07093 PH 201 868 5742

Apr 16 NY, Mineola Long Island Collectibles Show Knights of Hall 18b Jericho Turnpike A $1 T 45 F $40 PH 516 795 4628 Marty

Apr 20-23 KS, Overland Park Central States Numis Soc Convention Radisson Hotel 7304 West 102nd St Overland Park KS 66211

Apr 21-23 WA, Bellevue Pacific Northwest Numis Assn 42nd Annual Convention Red Lion Inn A free T 100 PH 206 244 1596 Larry Rowe PO Box 17183 Seattle WA 98107

Apr 22-23 CA, Buena Park Coin & Stamp Expo Retail Clerk Union Auditorium 8550 Stanton A $1 T 75 F $195 $295 PH 213 622 6293 Barbara Griffiths 506 W 7th St Los Angeles CA 90014

Apr 22-23 ME, S Portland Maine Numis Assn Show Marriott Hotel Maine Mall Exit 7

Apr 22-23 NH, Durham NH Numis Assn Spring Show Snively Hockey Arena Edgewood Rd A free T 112 F $85 for 1 $125 for 2 Michael E Nelson Dame Rd #12 Durham NH 03824 PH 603 659-2864

Apr 23 MI, Royal Oak Coin Stamp & Baseball Card Show American Legion Post #253 1815 Rochester Rd (corner of 12 Mile Rd) A free T 35 F $28 Violet M Muszynski 23724 Barfield Dr Farmington Hills MI 48024

Apr 23 SWITZERLAND, Berne Berna 89 18th Int'l Coin Exchange Casino of Berne PH 031 66 21 11 ext 295 Numismatic Soc of Berne PO Box 1995 CH 3001 Berne Switzerland

Apr 28-30 CA, San Rafael Coin & Stamp Jewelry & Card Show Marin Center Civic Center Dr A free T 150 F $220 Rudy Christmas 2130 Hilltop Dr Redding CA 96002

Apr 28-30 TX, El Paso TX Numis Assn Show Civic Center T 200 PH 915 566 9098 Walter Woelper PO Box 3535 El Paso TX 79925

Apr 29-30 NC, Greensboro Piedmont Triad Coin & Stamp Show American Legion Hall off Randleman Rd Barry Cohen Box 10678 Greensboro NC 27404

Apr 30 ON, Toronto Metro Coin Exhibition Bond Place Hotel 65 Dundas St E PH 416-920-6461 or 416-586 0098 Ingrid K Smith PO Box 865 Adelaide St Toronto ON M5C 2K1

MAY

May 5-7 CA

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May 7 MI

May 11-13 AZ

May 11-14 CO, Denver Denver Extravaganza Quality Hotel I-25 & Believew A $1 T 174 F $30 PH 303 759-1895 Jerry Morgan PO Box 21108 Denver CO 80221

May 12-14 OK, Oklahoma City Oil N Antique Arms Antique Show Holiday Inn West I-40 & Meridian PH 405 360 2515 Newton Mitchell 3181 E Main Norman OK 73069

May 13-14 NE, Omaha 34th NE Numis Assn Coin Show Holiday Inn Center 180 & Farnam A free T 42 F $65 Steve G Drake 6411 N 77th St Omaha NE 68134

May 13-14 TX, Victoria Coin Club 18th Annual Show Holiday Inn 2705 Houston Hwy A free T 35 F $100 Graves L Rouse PO Box 1183 Victoria Tx 77902

May 14 MI, Royal Oak Collectibles Show American Legion Post 253 1815 Rochester Rd (corner of 12 Mile Rd) A free T 36 F $30 Joe Samet PO Box 3149 Southfield MI 48037

May 14 PA, King of Prussia Valley Forge B Monthly Coin Show Hilton On 202 North 1 mile N of the Schuylkill Expwy & Exit 24 of PA Tnpke A free Arnold A Hoberman PO Box 57141 Philadelphia PA 19111

May 18-21 CA, San Diego Quality Coin Show Holiday Inn Embarcadero 1355 N Harbor Dr PH 619 273 3566 Dana Linett PO Box 3341 La Jolla CA 92038

May 18-21 HONG KONG, Hong Kong 8th Annual Hong Kong Int'l Coin Expo Golden Mile Holiday Inn PH 818 609 7666 Telex 69 1647 FAX 818 609 9725 Coinnet CA71 The Money Company 5959 Tampa Ave Tarzana CA 91356

May 19-21 AR, Little Rock 18th Annual Razorback Coin Show Camelot Hotel 2nd Floor Ballroom Markham & Spring Sts A free PH 501 985 1663 Robert T McIntire PO Box 546 Jacksonville AR 72076

May 19-21 CA, Glendale Coin & Stamp Expo Civic Auditorium 1401 Verdugo Rd A $2 T 75 F $245 $295 PH 213 622 6293 Barbara Griffiths 506 W 7th St Los Angeles CA 90014

May 21 AZ, Tucson Southern AZ Coin & Stamp Show Coin Manor Inn 5900 North Oracle Rd A free T 18 Kermit L Stephen PO Box 55785 Tucson AZ 85703-5785

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May 25-28 GA, Atlanta. GA Numis. Assn. Show.

May 27-28 MS, Jackson. Coin Show. Coliseum Ramada Inn (I-55 N. at High St.). T: 40. F: $130. 601-372-6694. Royce Williams, PO Box 55894, Jackson, MS 39216. Ed Lofton, PH: 601 939-0500.

May 27-28 WA, Tacoma. Greater Tacoma Coin Show. Sherwood Inn, S. 84th & I-5. A: $1. T: 52. F: $100. David F. Schmidt, PO Box 1192, Tacoma, PA 98411.

May 28 MI, Southfield Collectibles Show. VFW Hall, 24222 W. 9 Mile Rd. (just west of Telegraph). A: free. T: 31. F: $30. Joe Samet, PO Box 3149, Southfield, MI 48037.

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JUNE

Jun 1-4 CA, Long Beach. Numis. & Philatelic Expo. Convention Center. PH: 213-437-0819. Teresa Darling, 112 East Broadway, Long Beach, CA 90802.

Jun 2-4 FL, Jacksonville. Greater Jacksonville Club Coin & Stamp Show. Jacksonville Hotel on the Riverwalk. A: free. Paul O'Day, PH: 904-772-0260.

Jun 4 MI, Roseville. Collectibles Show. VFW Hall, 25671 Gratiot (north of 10 Mile). A: free. T: 51. F: $30. Joe Samet, PO Box 3149, Southfield, MI 48037.

Jun 9-11 IN, Indianapolis. IN State Numis. Assn. Convention, IN Convention Center, 100 S. Capitol Ave., A: free. T: 200. F: $250. PH: 317-241-5664. Dennis Linville, PO Box 418168, Indianapolis, IN 46241.

Jun 9-11 SD, Aberdeen. South Dakota Coin & Stamp Assn. Show.

Jun 10-11 LA, Metairie. LA Numis. Assn. Annual Convention. Landmark Hotel. Pat Reno, Rt. 9, Box 76A, Military Rd., Covington, LA 70433.

Jun 10-11 MS, Jackson. Coin, Currency & Jewelry Show. Trademart Bldg. Jackson Fairgrounds. A: free. T: 100. F: $50. J. Chenoweth, PO Box 6190, Laurel, MS 39441.

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Jun 14-17 TX, Dallas. Coin & Stamp Expo. Dallas Market Hall, 2100 Stemmons Frwy. T: 500. F: $395.-$475. PH: 800-426-8326 or 619-470-2608. Dallas Coin & Stamp Expo., Inc., 7578 Navigator Circle, Carlsbad, CA 92009.

Jun 16-18 MD, Baltimore. 17th Annual MD State Numis. Assn. Convention. Festival Hall, Camden & Howard Sts., A: free. T: 200. Paul Singleton, PO Box 894, Annandale, VA 22003.

Jun 16-18 MI, Frankenmuth. Flint Flying Eagle Coin Club 1st Bavarian Festival, Bavarian Motor Lodge (downtown), One Covered Bridge Lane, A: free. T: 23. Dave Roper, Treasure Chest, 245 S. Main, Suite 211, Frankenmuth, MI 48734.

Jun 16-18 MS, Board Quality Coin Shows. Holiday Inn, 3580 W. Beach Blvd. A: free. T: 50. F: $100. $1.5. PH: 901 327 9003. Richard Martin, P.O. Box [illegible]671, Memphis, TN 38122.

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Jun 22-25 NJ, Cherry Hill. Garden State Numis. Assn. 14th Annual Convention. Hyatt House, Rt. 70. A: free. PH: 201-899-1016. Jerry Zara.

Jun 23-25 OR, Portland. 29th Annual Coin Club Show. Red Lion Inn, Lloyd Center. T: 100. PH: 503-245-6086.

Jun 23-25 TN, Memphis. Coin Club. 13th Annual International Paper Money Show. Cook Convention Center. 255 N. Main St. PH: 901-754-6118 after 6pm. Mike Crabb, Box 17871, Memphis, TN 38187-0871.

Jun 24-25 UT, Salt Lake City. Nat'l Utah Token Society Coin & Token Show. Howard Johnsons, 122 West South Temple. A: free. T: 25. F: $75. Bob Campbell, 1123 E. 2100 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84106.

Jun 24-25 ON, Toronto. Torex Metro Show. Ramada Hotel-Downtown, 111 Carlton St.-Pearson Ballroom. PH: 416-920-6461 or 416-586-0098. Ingrid K. Smith, PO Box 865, Adelaide St., Toronto, ON M5C 2K1.

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[illegible] by Bowers and Merena presented the Byron Johnson Estate Collection in the January 26-28, 1989 auction held in conjunction with the Numismatic Association of Southern California Convention in Los Angeles. According to Michael Hodder, Director of World Coins for the firm, "The sale of the Byron Johnson Estate foreign coins saw strong bidding throughout all series, and intense competition for high grade and rarely seen numismatic items." Attendance was strong, with bidders from throughout the world in attendance or represented," he continued.

Byron F. Johnson was well known to collectors of world coins. A member of the Board of Governors of the American Numismatic Association, Byron was also a 1971 member of the United States Assay Commission and was later named as a consultant to the National Coin Collection held at the Smithsonian Institution.

Byron's collecting interest in world coins was centered around minors, and the Bowers and Merena auction contained the fruits of nearly a lifetime's collecting activiety. Byron collected with an eye not only for rarity, but also for condition, and his collection of Latin American, French, and German states minors was considered to be one of the finest in this country. His collection of French Revolutionary era (1789-1793) copper minors was considered one of the finest held anywhere by a private collector. Through his close collaboration with Krause Publishing Company, many of Byron's coins were featured as plate specimens in the popular *Standard Catalogue of World Coins* issued by that firm. Many of these were featured in the Bowers and Merena auction sale.

"It was clear from the auction results that bidders place a very high premium on quality," stated Hodder. "For example, Byron's outstanding French [illegible] sols 1791 B, a choice AU example with rich golden coloring, realized $[illegible] from a floor bidder. This date and mint combination is only listed up to XF in the library edition of the *Standard Catalogue of World Coins*," Hodder continued.

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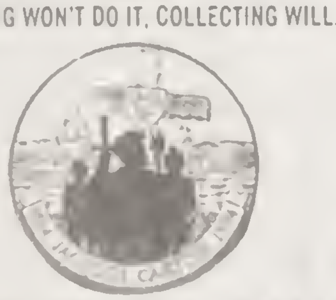

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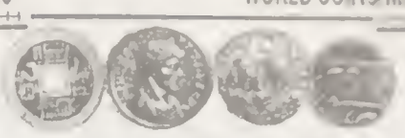

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